

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

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--18. (Twice Amended) A communications transceiver, comprising:
a first antenna connected to a first input amplifier for amplifying signals received by said first antenna;
a second antenna connected to a second input amplifier for amplifying signals received by said second antenna;
an intermediate frequency stage connected to said second input amplifier; and
a selector disposed between said first input amplifier and said intermediate frequency stage and between said second antenna and said second input amplifier for selecting operation of the communications transceiver between said first and second antennas,
wherein said first input amplifier includes a feedback loop for altering the operational characteristics of said first input amplifier in receiving mode.--

Please add the following claims:

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--21. A communications transceiver, comprising: a first antenna connected to a first receiving amplifier for amplifying signals received by said first antenna;
a second antenna connected to a second receiving amplifier for amplifying signals received by said second antenna;
an intermediate frequency stage connected to said second receiving amplifier; and
a selector disposed between said first receiving amplifier and said intermediate frequency stage and between said second antenna and said second receiving amplifier for selecting operation of the communications transceiver between said first and second antennas.
said first and second receiving amplifiers providing plural signal receiving paths of different signal processing characteristics in a receiver diversity architecture wherein

for a given incoming radio signal, either of the respective signal receiving paths are respectively selectably operable.--

--22. A communications transceiver as claimed in claim 21, wherein said first receiving amplifier includes a feedback loop for altering the operational characteristics of said first receiving amplifier.--

--23. A communications transceiver as claimed in claim 22, wherein said feedback loop includes a switch for selectively activating said feedback loop, to selectively change the signal processing characteristics for the incoming radio signal.--

--24. A communications transceiver as claimed in claim 22, wherein said feedback loop is a closed loop.--

--25. In a communications system, diversity architecture receiving circuitry having first and second signal receiving paths, wherein for a given incoming radio signal, the first and second receiving paths are respectively selectable to provide respective different signal processing characteristics for the given incoming radio signal.—

--26. In a communications system according to claim 25, the first signal receiving path comprising an amplifier for the received radio signal with a feedback loop for providing a signal receiving path with different amplifier characteristics than the second signal receiving path.--

--27. A communications system as claimed in claim 26, wherein said feedback loop includes a switch for selectively activating said feedback loop.--

--28. A communications system as claimed in claim 26, wherein said feedback loop is a closed loop.--

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